**Consumer Courts Working in the Country**

488. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer courts presently working in the country and particularly in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

*(b)* whether Government have any proposal to set up more consumer courts particularly in the rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) At present one National Commission, 32 State Commissions and 526 District Fora have been established in the country, out of which 7 State Commissions and 65 District Fora are in the North-Eastern States. The State-wise information is in the Statement *(see* below).

(b) & (c) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 provides for setting up of additional District Forum in a district if so warranted by the work-load. The responsibility for setting up of additional District Forum and its location rests with the State Government/UT Administrations.

**Statement**

*State-wise Details of the Consumer Courts*

| States/UTs | No. of State Commission | No. of District Forum |
|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 1 | 25 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | 13 |
| Assam | 1 | 23 |
| Bihar | 1 | 55 |
| Goa | 1 | 2 |
| Gujarat | 1 | 20 |
| Haryana | 1 | 17 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1 | 12 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | 2 |
| Karnataka | 1 | 22 |
| Kerala | 1 | 14 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 45 |
| Maharashtra | 1 | 34 |
| Manipur | 1 | 8 |
| Meghalaya | 1 | 7 |
| Mizoram | 1 | 3 |
| Nagaland | 1 | 8 |
| Orissa | 1 | 31 |
| Punjab | 1 | 17 |
| Rajasthan | 1 | 33 |
| Sikkim | 1 | 4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1 | 24 |
| Tripura | 1 | 3 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1 | 72 |
| West Bengal | 1 | 19 |
| A&N Island | 1 | 2 |
| Chandigarh Admn. | 1 | 2 |
| D&N Haveli | 1 | 1 |
| Daman & Diu | 1 | 2 |
| Delhi | 1 | 4 |
| Lakshadweep | 1 | 1 |
| Pondicherry | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 526 |

**Review of Functioning of TPDS**

489. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re viewed the functioning of the newly Targeted Public Distribution System in troduced earlier this year;

(b) if so, the assessment regarding the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan;

(c) whether additional measures arc being contemplated to streamline the system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what arc the financial implications?